

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 15th, 2005
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Mr. John D. Green,	Elk Valley Rancheria	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Ms. Betty Arterberry	Sonoma County IHP	West Central
Ms. Brandie Taylor	Santa Ysabel Reservation	Southern
Ms. Diana Chihuahua,	Torres Martinez Res.	Southern
Mr. Dave Rambeau	Urban Program Representative	
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Unaffiliated Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Area Director
Mr. J. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director
Ms. La Merle Fridley,	Associate Director OPH
Dr. David Sprenger,	Acting Chief Medical Officer
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Mr. Ed Fluette,	Associate Director, OEHE

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Wednesday, June 15th at 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was a combined CATAC, Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC) Task Force, and Program Directors meeting and was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and guests.

Ms. Margo Kerrigan, Director, California Area Indian Health Service (CAIHS), opened the joint YRTC Task Force/CATAC meeting with a welcome, and introductions. The first day and a half of the meeting was a Program Director's meeting in which the CATAC members were invited to attend and participate and be made aware of the current issues from a Program Director viewpoint. An agenda for this meeting is included at the end of this summary.

YRTC Risk Pool - The first topic of the CATAC/YRTC Task Force meeting was an update on the California Area YRTC network program. The total funding set aside for the network is approximately \$1,285,000 annually. As of June 15th, approximately \$400,000 remained available for youth treatment referrals. This process begins with an assessment by a CAIHS health program

provider, then a referral to the YRTC Task Force with a recommendation for a treatment at a specific treatment center. If the YRTC Task Force approves, the referring provider make arrangements with the approved treatment facility. The treatment facility sends the bill for the treatment to the referring program which forwards the bill to IHS. Reimbursement is then provided to the program from the YRTC Risk Pool.

Approximately \$668,000 is provided to the California Area annually through the *Stevens Bill*. As recommended by the CATAC, the majority of this funding will be used to support development and operation of several YRTC Group Homes included in the YRTC *network*, as well as substance abuse counselor training and certification. Group homes in California are the UAI West Covina, Los Angeles, home set up with beds for 6 females, Hoopa Valley Tribe Willow Lodge with 4 beds for females, and the Round Valley Tribes expect to open a home with 10 beds for males around July 15th.

In discussion regarding the cost for youth sent to a group home, the risk pool reimbursement without the assistance of alternate resources is \$165.00 per day. With alternate resource assistance, the risk pool reimbursement is \$82.50 per day.

YRTC ISSUES - Ms. Kerrigan and Dr. Sprenger provided input into this discussion. In response to questions, Dr. Sprenger provided the following:

The search for land for the planned new construction of YRTC facilities in the northern part of the state include two potential sites. The first is near Sonoma County Indian Health Program, Ya Ka Ama, and another potential site is in Mather Park in Sacramento. The potential cost for both of these sites, according to Kerry Gragg, Area Facility Management Engineer, is over the available budget however options for cost reductions are being discussed.

A question came up about the Southern Indian Health Council (SIHC) YRTC located on the La Posta Reservation in southern California. Previously, the La Posta and SIHC program closed down that facility without notice. There are no funds currently available except those now committed to other components of the California Area YRTC Risk Pool. With the focus on new construction and operation of a YRTC in northern California and another in southern California, the paramount advantage to new construction is that Congress would provide not only construction funding for two new YRTC facilities, but also

provide annually recurring funding for ongoing operations of each facility. The area would also retain the current available funding for youth treatment.

Ms. Rachel Joseph, beginning a new term on the CATAC, was appointed as the CATAC representative on the YRTC Task Force.

Mr. Michael Weahkee, CRIHB Director of Family & Community Health Services, and Ms. Vickie O'Conner provided an update of the CRIHB SAMHSA grant efforts, plans, and accomplishments.

HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION -- Ms. Beverly Calderon, Certified Diabetes Educator and Nutritionist, for the California Area provided a brief update on HPDP mission and feedback provided from California area participation. The continued implementation of the plan for California will lead to measurable improvements in the health status of Indian people in the future and meet the IHS goal to decrease health disparities among American Indians/Alaska natives.

NEXT CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING -- Setting up a visit to an operating YRTC was briefly discussed but no final decision was made. Members will be notified when the next meeting will be held.

CATAC Workgroups -- Three national workgroups currently active with representatives from the California Area:

Ms. Rachel Joseph and Mr. Joseph Saulque are the California Area Tribal Representatives to the National Budget Formulation Workgroup.

Ms. Christina Arzate, and Mr. Peter Masten, alternate, are the California Area Tribal representatives to the Secretary DHHS Tribal Consultation Policy Revision Workgroup.

Ms. Rosemary Nelson was appointed to serve as the primary California representative to the national Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee.

Ms. Rachel Joseph was appointed to serve as the California Area Tribal Advisory Committee representative on the YRTC Task Force.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING AGENDA
June 14-15, 2005
1st Floor - Stanford Conference Room
June 14, 2005

8:30 - 8:45 AM	Welcome / Introductions	Margo Kerrigan Area Director
8:45 - 9:45 AM	Red Lake Tragedy: Lessons Learned	Dawn Wyllie, M.D. Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Director, Bemidji Area /IHS
9:45 - 10:00AM	Break	
10:00-11:30 AM	Methamphetamine Abuse in California Indian Country	
	5 - Minute Film Orientation "Keep Them Off of Meth"	Mitchell Goodis, DDS
	Perinatal Issues with Methamphetamine Mothers	Cindy Gaffney, BSN, PHN Perinatal Nurse Wellness Divide Clinic
	El Dorado County Healthy Kids Survey	Ruette Carstenson Health Services Coordinator El Dorado Union High School Dist
	Adolescent Methamphetamine Users & Their Problems	Paulette Mader, MSN Program Operations Technician El Dorado High School Health Careers Academy
	Methamphetamine Recovery is Possible	Roy Ricord, Counselor Sierra Recovery Residential Treatment Center
	Adult Methamphetamine Users	Chuck Newport Health Education Coordinator El Dorado County Public Health
11:30 - 12:00	Emergency Plan Template implementation	David Sprenger, M.D. Acting Chief Medical Officer
12:00 - 1:30PM	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Telemedicine/Telepsychiatry	Steve Viramontes Telemedicine Consultant
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Overview of RPMS CHS package	Toni Johnson Area Contract Health Service Officer
3:00 - 3:45 PM	Information Technology (IT) Security	Steve Lopez Area IT Security Officer
3:45 - 4:00 PM	IT Infrastructure Upgrade Needed	Janet Bergemann Area IT Director
4:00 PM	Adjourn	

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8:30- 9:30 AM	Suicidal Behavior	David Sprenger,M.D.
9:30- 10:30 AM	Suicide Surveillance System and Tools	David Sprenger,M.D.
10:30-10:45 AM	Break	
10:45-11:30 AM	YRTC Update	David Sprenger,M.D.
11:30-12:00	Access to Recovery SAMHSA Grant	Michael Weahkee
12:00 PM	Adjourn Joint Director's Meeting	
 1:30 - 4:30 PM Combined Meeting of the California Area Tribal Advisory Committee and YRTC Task Force		
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